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SUBJECT:NSF OFFICIAL VISIT

1. DR. SEYMOUR SOHMER, STAFF ASSOCIATE, DIVISION OF ENVI-
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RONMENTAL BIOLOGY, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, IS ATTEMPT-
ING TO ASSESS THE STATUS OF BASIC RESEARCH IN SYSTEMATIC
BIOLOGY AND ECOLOGY IN THE TROPICS, AND ALSO WISHES TO
ASSESS THE POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIVE
WORK WITH U.S. SCIENTISTS IN THESE FIELDS. TO THIS END,
DR. SOHMER HAS ALREADY BEEN IN PERSONAL CONTACT WITH APPRO-
PRIATE SCIENTISTS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN MOST OF THESE

COUNTRIES. DR. SOHMER WOULD APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE FROM EMBASSY STAFF IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS DURING HIS VISIT.

2. DR. SOHMER PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

LV 8/19 6:45PM GENEVA SWISS AIR 318
ARR 8/20 10:20AM COLOMBO, SRI LANKA
LV 8/27 12:55PM " THAI AIR 308
ARR 8/27 5:40PM BANGKOK
LV 9/01 1:00PM " MALAYSIAN AIR 831
ARR 9/01 3:20PM KUALA LUMPUR
LV 9/07 10:00AM " SINGAPORE AIR 103
ARR 9/07 10:45AM SINGAPORE

LV 9/07 12:00NOON SINGAPORE SINGAPORE AIR 204
ARR 9/07 1:00PM JAKARTA
LV 9/12 8:30AM " PHILIPPINE A 536
ARR 9/12 12:50PM MANILA
LV 9/14 11:40PM " PHILIPPINE A 283
ARR 9/15 6:55AM PORT MORESBY
LV 9/17 4:25PM " " AIR N. GUINEA 154
ARR 9/17 5:10PM LAE
LV 9/19 2:50PM " AIR N. GUINEA 19
ARR 9/19 3:35PM PORT MORESBY
LV 9/23 5:45AM " " AIR N. GUINEA 1
ARR 9/23 9:25AM SYDNEY
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LV 9/23 4:15PM " PAN AM 812
ARR 9/23 7:00AM HONOLULU

3. COLOMBO:

DR. SOHMER REQUESTS THAT APPOINTMENTS BE MADE FOR HIM WITH THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS IN COLOMBO DURING THE 21 AND 22 AUGUST IF POSSIBLE:

(1) PROFESSOR B.A. ABEYWICKRAMA, DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY, UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA, COLOMBO 3.

(2) HON. CYRIL MATHEW, MINISTER OF INDUSTRIES AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS, 48 SRI JINARATNA ROAD, COLOMBO 2.

(3) MR. W. R. H. PERERA, THE CONSERVATION OF FORESTS, FOREST DEPARTMENT, COLOMBO 2.

(4) MR. THILO HOFFMAN, PRESIDENT, WILDLIFE AND NATURE PROTECTION SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA, CHAITIYA ROAD, FORT, COLOMBO 1.

DR. SOHMER WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF RESERVATIONS WOULD BE MADE FOR HIM AT THE TAPROBANE HOTEL FOR THE 20, 21, AND 22 OF AUGUST.

4. BANGKOK:

DR. SOHMER REQUESTS THAT HIS ARRIVAL IN BANGKOK BE CONFIRMED WITH THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS AND THAT APPOINTMENTS WITH THEM BE ARRANGED FOR THE 28 AUGUST (AFTERNOON) AND 29 AUGUST IF POSSIBLE. 30 AND 31 AUGUST WOULD ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR APPOINTMENT DATES.

(1) PROFESSOR SANGA SABHASRI, SECRETARY-GENERAL, NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL, BANGKOK 9.
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(2) DR. TEM SMITINAND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL, ROYAL FOREST DEPARTMENT, BANGKOK 9.

5. KUALA LUMPUR:

DR. SOHMER REQUESTS THAT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS BE CONTACTED, AND ADVISED OF DR. SOHMER'S SCHEDULE.

(1) DR. LEE PENG CHOONG, ECONOMIC PLANNING UNIT, PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT, KUALA LUMPUR

(2) DRS. E. SOEPADMO AND BENJAMIN C. STONE, BOTH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY, FACULTY OF SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA, KUALA LUMPUR.

(3) DR. ISMAIL BIN JOHARI, DIRECTOR, FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE, KEPONG, SELANGOR.

(4) DR. F.S.P. NG, FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE, KEPONG, SELANGOR.

DR. SOHMER REQUESTS PERMISSION TO UTILIZE EMBASSY FACILITIES UPON ARRIVAL IN ORDER TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS.

DR. SOHMER INVITES THE SCIENCE OFFICER TO ACCOMPANY HIM ON ANY OR ALL OF THE APPOINTMENTS.

6. JAKARTA:

DR. SOHMER REQUESTS THAT MISS MOERTINI ATMOWIDJOJO, CHIEF, BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, BE CONTACTED AND ASKED,
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AS SHE SUGGESTED TO DR. SOHMER, THAT HER OFFICE ARRANGE A SCHEDULE FOR DR. SOHMER TO MEET WITH HER AND THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

(1) PROFESSOR BACHTIAR RIFAI, CHAIRMAN, INDONESIA INSTITUTE OF SCIENCES, JOLAN TEUKU TJHIK DITIRO NO. 43, JAKARTA.

(2) PROFESSOR DIDIN S. SASTRAPRADJA, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, INDONESIA INSTITUTE OF SCIENCES.

(3) DR. SETIJATI SASTRAPRADJA, INDONESIA INSTITUTE OF SCIENCES.

(4) DR. MIEN RIFAI, DIRECTOR, HERBARIUM BOGORIENSE, KEBAN RAYA, BOGOR.

(5) DR. KUSWATA KARTAWINATA, HERBARIUM BOGORLENSE, KEBAN RAYA, BOGOR.

DR. SOHMER WOULD APPRECIATE USE OF EMBASSY FACILITIES TO FINALIZE ARRANGEMENTS AFTER ARRIVAL.

DR. SOHMER INVITES THE SCIENCE OFFICER TO ACCOMPANY HIM ON ANY OR ALL OF THE APPOINTMENTS.

7. MANILA:

DR. SOHMER WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH PROFESSOR JUAN V. PANCHO, CURATOR, COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES, COLLEGE, LAGUNA, SOMETIME DURING 13 SEPTEMBER, IF POSSIBLE.

8. PORT MORESBY:

DR. SOHMER WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF HIS ARRIVAL WOULD BE UNCLASSIFIED

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CONFIRMED WITH DR. DAVID G. FRODIN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA, PORT MORESBY, AS DR. FRODIN WISHES TO MAKE LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR DR. SOHMER IN PORT MORESBY.

DR. SOHMER REQUESTS THAT HIS SCHEDULE BE CONFIRMED WITH DR. M. GALORE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF BOTANY,

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY, OFFICE OF FORESTS, AT LAE.

DR. SOHMER WOULD APPRECIATE, IF POSSIBLE, THAT THE INDIVIDUALS LISTED BELOW, WHOM DR. SOHMER DOES NOT KNOW, WOULD BE ADVISED OF DR. SOHMER'S VISIT AND ASKED IF APPOINTMENTS COULD BE MADE WITH THEM FOR THE 21 AND 22 SEPTEMBER, IF THIS SEEMS APPROPRIATE TO EMBASSY PERSONNEL.

(1) MR. STEVEN TAGO, MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION, WAIGANI.

(2) MR. FRED PARKER, ACTING DIRECTOR, WILDLIFE BRANCH, DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, MINES AND NATURAL RESOURCES

(3) MR. MICK RAGA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, WILDLIFE BRANCH, DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, MINES, AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

DR. SOHMER WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF EMBASSY PERSONNEL COULD HAVE SUGGESTIONS FOR OTHER INDIVIDUALS THAT HE SHOULD MEET IN REGARDS TO HIS MISSION. VANCE

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